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AGENDA

(as of 11/29/11)

Day 1 - December 15, 2011

Room 137, Capitol Building, Helena

Please note: all times are approximate

- 8:00 a.m. 1. Roll Call
 2. Welcome, Sen. Shockley, presiding officer
- 8:05 a.m. 3. **Action item:** Adopt minutes from September 9, 2011
- 8:10 a.m. 4. Review of meeting materials, Ms. Sheri Scurr, staff research analyst
- 8:15 a.m. 5. Mr. David Niss, staff attorney
 a. Any questions from the committee about agency rule review report
 b. Montana Supreme Court's actions on new Rules of Civil Procedure
 c. **Action item:** Does the committee wish to hold a hearing on these?

HB 142 - Review of Advisory Councils and Reports

- 8:45 a.m. 6. a. Sheri Scurr, staff report
 b. Harry Freebourn, Office of State Public Defender
 c. Tim Burton, Department of Justice
 d. Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator Judicial Branch
 e. Mike Ferriter, Director, Department of Corrections
- 9:30 a.m. 7. Public comment
- 10:00 a.m. 8. Committee discussion and action
 Action item: What advisory councils and reports should be retained in,
 eliminated from, or added to the statutes?

10:15 a.m. BREAK

Public Defender System

- 10:30 a.m. 9. a. **TBD**, ACLU report
 b. Richard "Fritz" Gillespie, Commission Chairman
 c. Committee questions and discussion

12:30 p.m. LUNCH (*catered in*)

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SJR 29 - Restorative Justice Study

- 1:00 p.m. 10. Panel - Youth restorative justice programs
- a. Shareen Springer, Kalispell, Center for Restorative Youth Justice
 - b. Nick Nyman, Juvenile Probation Officer
 - c. **TBD**, volunteer restorative justice council
 - d. Hillary Wandler, Missoula Community Restorative Justice, Inc.
 - e. Jon Flynn, Helena Youth Court Restorative Justice program
 - f. **TBD**, School Representative
- 2:15 p.m. 11. Public comment
- 2:30 p.m. 12. Committee discussion and action
Action item: *What issue areas concerning restorative justice does the committee wish staff to gather more information on as possible options for committee recommendations?*

2:45 p.m. BREAK

Agency oversight

- 3:00 p.m. 13. Board of Pardons and Parole
- a. Sheri Scurr, agency overview review
 - b. Fern Osler, Executive Director, agency mission and conduct of hearings
 - c. Questions from the committee
- 3:15 p.m. 14. Department of Corrections
- a. Billie Reich, grievance classification officer, MSP, overview of grievance and complaint process
 - b. Director Ferriter, Pat Smith (contract placement officer), and Warden Martin Fink (CCC), response to previous public comment on CCC
 - c. Handout, update on situation of the inmate murder at MSP
- 3:45 p.m. 15. ACLU prison reform project
- 4:00 p.m. 16. Legislative Audit Division, update on request for an audit of contract compliance by CCC, the private prison in Shelby
- 4:15 p.m. 17. Public comment
- 4:45 p.m. 18. Committee discussion and action
Action item:
- a. *What questions, if any, does the committee have concerning corrections and parole that it would like its staff to research for the next meeting?*
 - b. *Does the committee want to reschedule the tour of the Shelby prison for earlier than June next year?*
- 5:00 p.m. 19. Recess until 8:00 a.m., Friday, December 16.

Please Note:

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